

REMARKS

Claims 24-30 are pending in this application.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-23 and 31-35. The cancellation of these claims does not introduce any new matter.

Election of Species

As noted above, in response to the election of species requirement, Applicants have elected Species VIII for prosecution on the merits. Applicants submit that claims 24-30 read on the elected species.

In light of the election, Applicants have canceled the claims directed toward non-elected species, i.e., claims 1-23 and 31-35. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed toward non-elected species in a timely filed divisional application.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 24-30, as presented herein. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. NGBCP005).

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